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In re Application of :  
Kurt Dahlberg : DECISION NOTING JOINDER OF  
Application No. 09/973,986 : INVENTOR AND PETITION UNDER  
Filed: 11 October, 2001 : 37 CFR 1.47(b) MOOT  
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Papers filed on 11 September, 2002, in reply to the "Decision Refusing Status Under 37 CFR 1.47(b)" mailed on 11 March, 2002, included a Declaration signed by the previously nonsigning inventor in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63.

In view of the joinder of the inventor, further consideration under 37 CFR 1.47(b) is moot; this application does not have any Rule 1.47(b) status and no such status should appear on the file wrapper. This application need not be returned to this office for any further consideration under 37 CFR 1.47(b).

This application will be forwarded to the Office of Initial Patent Examination for further processing.

Telephone inquiries related to this decision should be directed to the undersigned at (703)308-6918.

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